I really love all the teamwork and building we do in robotics, because I'd love to be an architect one day.

Nyah, KIPP Infinity Elementary, Grade 4
KIPP NYC alumni graduate from college at 4X the national rate for low-income students.

No matter the ZIP code, our students prove what’s possible!

In 2019, KIPP NYC students once again outperformed the city and state results on state tests

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*All demographic and results data are from KIPP NYC, NYC Department of Education, and U.S. Census Bureau.
I always want to make my family and my KIPP family proud. They've given me safe places to thrive.

As the second youngest of five sisters (all KIPP alumnae who went to college) Brenda Meza radiates the power, purpose, and persistence of her parents, her sisters, and her KIPP family. “I started building connections in 5th grade with the school play,” she says, citing life-long bonds with KIPP teachers like Mitch Brenner, who taught all five Meza sisters. “My teachers encouraged me to own my learning and to find my style. I could say ‘I don’t get it,’ and they’d help me find another way. That was really empowering.”

Still, as she made her way through the KIPP high school, Brenda had doubts. “Being undocumented, I wasn’t even sure college was a possibility,” she says. “But having KIPP take time to understand my goals and triumphs, not just as a low-income student of color, but as me, the individual, that’s the value of KIPP,” she says. “That’s its purpose.” In addition to support from KIPP Through College & Career via check-ins, career fairs, and more, what got Brenda through Barnard was everything she learned from KIPP since day one. “I remembered to advocate for myself and know my worth,” she says. “KIPP saw that I could live a life of opportunity and choice.”

Today, at Lilly, she’s helping young men and women like her find their purpose. “I say there is always a place for you no matter what. It’s up to you to make it known. You may find people who want to keep you out of that place, but if you think you belong, you do.”
Persisting Through College

10 years ago, we opened KIPP NYC College Prep High School with a goal of better preparing all KIPP NYC alumni for college. At the time, we sent 73% of KIPP NYC alumni to college and our 4-year college graduation rate was 25%. This year, we sent 91% of our alumni to college and our college grad rate is 46%.

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2,270 KIPPsters have gone to college since 2003.
In 2019, more than 250 KIPP NYC alumni headed to these 97 schools.

When including students who earn a 2-year associate degree, KIPP NYC Alumni's college graduation rate is 54%.

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Teaching with Purpose

A “Teach like Harriett” sign hangs in every KIPP school in honor of Harriett Ball, who inspired and mentored KIPP’s founders and early leaders. To teach like Harriett you have to dazzle all the senses, and then some. “Harriett built the neural net,” explains KIPP co-founder Dave Levin. “She squeezed the heart, she spoke to the soul, she tickled the funny bone, and she moved the body,” in order to reach and teach her students.

My ultimate goal is for kids to understand their social location in the world and be able to critique it. I want them to feel empowered to be change agents and make their world beautiful.

Lamar Ok

As a professional jazz trumpeter, Jamison has a limitless passion for teaching children to play, understand, read, and improvise jazz. For the past nine years, his energy, commitment, and passion for the art form and for teaching have never flagged.

Antoine Lewis, Principal

Daysy is dynamite! More than 70% of students in her guided reading groups met or exceeded grade-level benchmarks. As a proud Mexican-American woman, she shares her experiences with her students and creates a space for them to do the same.

Brandi Vardiman, Principal

Daysy Arellano (KIPP STAR Harlem Elementary), Jamison Chandler (KIPP AMP Middle School), and Lamar Ok (KIPP Infinity Elementary) were recently honored for their ability to “Teach Like Harriett.” Daysy and Jamison received KIPP’s Harriett Ball Excellence in Teaching Award, and Lamar won New York City’s Big Apple Teaching Award. All three teachers share a common purpose, to set up their students for greatness and happiness far beyond grade school.

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High School Results

97% of the KIPP NYC College Prep class headed off to college — that’s 221 students attending 97 different colleges and universities like Cornell, Dickinson, Georgetown, Hamilton, Tufts, the University of Pennsylvania, as well as a host of CUNY and SUNY schools.

With a record number of students taking and passing AP exams, and 80% of seniors participating in a summer career internship, travel program, or experiential learning opportunities, our students are well prepared for the rigors of college and the workforce.

Khady (class of 2019) passed all of the 8 AP exams she took at KIPP NYC College Prep High School. She’s now a freshman at Hamilton College.

61% of KIPP NYC College Prep students heading to college in 2019 will attend schools categorized as “competitive” or higher.

KIPP NYC College Prep students outperformed students in the U.S. on the Chemistry, Psychology, and World History AP exams.

52% of all seniors passed at least one AP exam, our highest percentage to date.

Class of 2019 Matriculation
- 42% Private school
- 34% SUNY
- 20% CUNY
- 4% Alternative pathways

High School Graduation Rates (%)

% of Students Earning an Advanced Regents Diploma

82%
KIPP NYC AP test takers scored a 3 or above.
“In just the first year, I’ve seen this program impact student mindsets around STEM,” says Chéla Wallace, KIPP NYC Director of Science. “Almost half say they want to be an engineer or scientist due to their experience.” For the 2019-20 school year, our middle and elementary schools will grow from 18 robotics teams to 30, engaging 240 students in FIRST programming, up from 150.

Wyman Khuu, who teaches science at KIPP Infinity Elementary, understands that science is as much about failure as it is discovery. “The most satisfying part,” he says, “was watching students iterate on failed designs, learn to cope with challenging team dynamics, and learn how to be both leaders and teammates throughout the process.”

Khuu’s students earned a “Golden Ticket” to show off their skills at Google. “We won the Golden Ticket because we combined our ideas so that we would have the best moon base and robot,” says Bryan, a 4th grader. “I learned that sometimes it is better to work as a team than just try to do everything by myself.”

Problem-solving Power

As part of a STEM expo in partnership with FIRST Robotics, more than 100 KIPPsters from five of our elementary schools journeyed to our high school in the South Bronx... but their ultimate destination was the moon!

KIPPsters showed off their teamwork and problem-solving skills as they programmed their robots to manage tasks on the moon’s surface.
Elementary & Middle Results

Since the 2012-2013 school year when the New York State assessments aligned to the Common Core, KIPP NYC’s 3rd through 8th grade proficiency results have improved and our rate of growth has regularly outpaced that of all City and State schools.

While our combined ELA results for grades 3-8 decreased slightly (56.5% proficient or above compared to 59% last year), our 3rd and 4th grade students dramatically outshined their NY State peers (68% proficient or above vs. 50% across the state).

In ELA, 70% of 3rd graders at KIPP Academy, KIPP Infinity, and KIPP STAR were at or above proficiency, compared to 51% statewide.

In ELA, our 3rd graders (71%) and 4th graders (65%) earned our highest scores ever for each grade.

In Math, 75% of KIPP NYC 3rd graders were at or above proficiency, compared to 53% statewide.

In Math, the percentage of our students earning a Level 4 rose for the third time in four years.

KIPP NYC special education students outperformed their state peers in ELA proficiency (23% to 14%) and Math (45% to 16.2%).

KIPP NYC English Language Learners outperformed their state peers in ELA proficiency (28% to 9%) and Math (52% to 17%).
We continue to invest in our STEM curriculum. Looking ahead, we’ll strengthen recent initiatives like our Robotics program with FIRST, which will expand to all our K-12 schools, including KIPP Elements Primary and KIPP All Middle School, which opened in August 2019. We’re also launching a computational thinking pilot in one elementary school that will involve more than 400 students. In middle schools, we’re partnering with Bootstrap to pilot a data science unit in all of our 5th grade classes so that more than 550 students will experience this new approach.

Power Forward

We’ll also bolster college counseling and career services for our alumni via KIPP Through College & Career. We’ve added several College Persistence Fellows to the team to get our college freshmen and sophomores more support early on. Additionally, on the college persistence front, we partnered with the NYC Department of Education on “KIPP Through College + College Access for All: College Match Partnership.” Working with 10 high schools in Brooklyn, our team is training counselors on our “match matters” approach to college counseling. Using more than 16 years of experience and data from our college placement work, we’re sharing all the lessons and techniques that help students choose the strongest college match possible. We’re thrilled to help more students in NYC public schools as they apply to and choose the college that is best for them.

While test scores are not the ultimate measure of a student’s potential, we know our ELA state test results can be even stronger. For our students to meet the future they’ll need exceptional language skills. That’s why we’ve set an ambitious goal to have 100% of our 3rd graders reading on or above grade level by 2022.

Thanks to you, we can power forward!